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ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR DEVICE FOR USE WITH

ELEVATOR LOAD BEARING MEMBERS

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INSUFFICIENT FEES (DO/EO/US)

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Notification of Insufficient Fees (DO/EO/US) mailed on February 26, 2008.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Notification of Insufficient Fees was sent in error.

The Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (a copy of which was electronically filed as part of the Information Disclosure Statement on August 22, 2006) indicates that claims 1-20 meet the criteria set forth in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), as well as PCT Article 33(4). Therefore, a search fee is not required. An Examination fee is not required, as all claims satisfied the provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).

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Applicant has paid the required national filing fees of \$300.00 for this application and respectfully requests that the Notification of Insufficient Fees be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/22/2006
- . Copy of IPE Report filed on 08/22/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/22/2006
- · Oath or Declaration filed on 08/22/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 08/22/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 08/22/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$310 for a Large Entity:

- The application search fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit \$100 to complete the search fee. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.
- The application examination fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit \$210 to complete the examination fee for a non-small entity. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.

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